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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY
ANSWERING POINTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 28-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) There is established a Division of State-Wide Emergency
4 Telecommunications which shall be within the Department of
5 Emergency Services and Public Protection. The Division of State-Wide
6 Emergency Telecommunications shall be responsible for developing
7 and maintaining a state-wide emergency service telecommunications
8 policy. In connection with said policy, the division shall:

9 (1) Develop a state-wide emergency service telecommunications
10 plan specifying emergency police, fire and medical service
11 telecommunications systems needed to provide coordinated
12 emergency service telecommunications to all state residents, including
13 the physically disabled;

14 (2) Develop and administer an enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program,

15 which shall provide for: (A) The replacement of existing 9-1-1 terminal
16 equipment for each public safety answering point; (B) the
17 subsidization of regional public safety emergency telecommunications
18 centers, with enhanced subsidization for municipalities with a
19 population of forty thousand or more; (C) the establishment of [a
20 transition grant program] incentives to encourage regionalization of
21 public safety answering points, which incentives shall include, but not
22 be limited to, a transition grant program; (D) the establishment of a
23 regional emergency telecommunications service credit in order to
24 support regional dispatch services; and (E) the implementation of the
25 next generation 9-1-1 telecommunication system;

26 (3) Provide technical telecommunications assistance to state and
27 local police, fire and emergency medical service agencies;

28 (4) Provide frequency coordination for such agencies;

29 (5) Coordinate and assist in state-wide planning for 9-1-1, E 9-1-1
30 and the next generation 9-1-1 telecommunication systems, with a focus
31 on facilitating the regionalization of public safety answering points;

32 (6) Review and make recommendations concerning proposed
33 legislation affecting emergency service telecommunications;

34 (7) Review and make recommendations to the General Assembly
35 concerning emergency service telecommunications funding, including
36 ways to reduce costs by removing barriers to consolidation of existing
37 public safety answering points; and

38 (8) On or before January first of each year, prepare the annual
39 budget for the use of funds from the Enhanced 9-1-1
40 Telecommunications Fund and submit such budget to the Secretary of
41 the Office of Policy and Management for the secretary's review and
42 approval. On or before January fifteenth of each year, said secretary
43 shall submit a report concerning the proposed use of such funds to the
44 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
45 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,

46 finance, revenue and bonding, and public safety in accordance with
47 the provisions of section 11-4a.

48 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
49 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, establishing
50 eligibility standards for state financial assistance to local or regional
51 police, fire and emergency medical service agencies providing
52 emergency service telecommunications. Not later than April 1, 1997,
53 the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
54 54, in order to carry out the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection
55 (a) of this section.

56 (c) Within a time period determined by the commissioner to ensure
57 the availability of funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, to the
58 regional emergency telecommunications centers within the state, and
59 not later than April first of each year thereafter, the commissioner shall
60 determine the amount of funding needed for the development and
61 administration of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program. The
62 commissioner shall specify the expenses associated with (1) the
63 purchase, installation and maintenance of new public safety answering
64 point terminal equipment, (2) the implementation of the subsidy
65 program, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
66 section, (3) the establishment of incentives to encourage
67 regionalization of public safety answering points, including the
68 implementation of the transition grant program, described in
69 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, (4) the implementation
70 of the regional emergency telecommunications service credit, as
71 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, provided,
72 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter,
73 such credit for coordinated medical emergency direction services as
74 provided in regulations adopted under this section shall be based
75 upon the factor of thirty cents per capita and shall not be reduced each
76 year, (5) the training of personnel, as necessary, (6) recurring expenses
77 and future capital costs associated with the telecommunications
78 network used to provide emergency 9-1-1 service and the public safety
79 services data networks, (7) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and

80 each fiscal year thereafter, the collection, maintenance and reporting of
81 emergency medical services data, as required under subparagraph (A)
82 of subdivision (8) of section 19a-177, provided the amount of expenses
83 specified under this subdivision shall not exceed two hundred fifty
84 thousand dollars in any fiscal year, (8) for the fiscal year ending June
85 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the initial training of
86 emergency medical dispatch personnel, the provision of an emergency
87 medical dispatch priority reference card set and emergency medical
88 dispatch training and continuing education pursuant to subdivisions
89 (3) and (4) of subsection (g) of section 28-25b, (9) the administration of
90 the enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program by the Division of State-Wide
91 Emergency Telecommunications, as the commissioner determines to
92 be reasonably necessary, and (10) the implementation and
93 maintenance of the public safety data network established pursuant to
94 section 29-1j. The commissioner shall communicate the commissioner's
95 findings to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority not later than
96 April first of each year.

97 (d) The division may apply for, receive and distribute any federal
98 funds available for emergency service telecommunications. The
99 division shall deposit such federal funds in the Enhanced 9-1-1
100 Telecommunications Fund established pursuant to section 28-30a.

101 (e) The division shall work in cooperation with the Public Utilities
102 Regulatory Authority to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	28-24

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Division of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications to develop additional incentives for the regionalization of public safety answering points and make recommendations to the General Assembly for how to remove barriers to the consolidation of such answering points.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]